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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/18/04;11/09/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Christie, IV (US 6,430,176).
2. In regards to claims 1, 15, 18, and 27, Christie discloses a method and system for associating multimedia clients (See Fig. 7, User 1 and User 2) with telephony devices (See Fig. 7, terminal devices 300 and 305) (See col. 10 lines 60-63) comprising: receiving from a first telephony device (See Fig. 7 and terminal device 300) having a first telephone number a second telephone number associated with a second telephony device (See Fig. 7 and terminal device 305) to initiate a voice call from the first telephony device to the second telephony device (See col. 10-11 lines 64-1); obtaining a first address associated with a first multimedia client from a first service node (See Fig. 7 and CO 366) based on the first telephone number; routing call signaling for the voice call to a first call server (See Fig. 7 and gatekeeper 355), which controls a trunk gateway (See Fig. 7 and gateway 345) interfacing with a packet

network (See Fig. 7 and public data network 370); and establishing a voice connection for the voice call to the trunk gateway (See col. 11 lines 41-51).

3. In regards to claims 2 and 28, Christie discloses the method and system, further comprising determining if the first telephony device is associated with the first multimedia device (See col. 11 lines 1-13).

4. In regards to claims 3 and 29, Christie discloses the method and system, wherein the call signaling is routed to the first call server if the first telephony device is associated with the first multimedia device (See col. 10-11 lines 64-19).

5. In regards to claims 4 and 30, Christie discloses the method and system, further comprising routing the call signaling for the voice call to a public switched telephone network (See Fig. 7 and PSTN 365) if the first telephony device is not associated with the first multimedia device (See col. 10 lines 56-60 and col. 11 lines 41-45).

6. In regards to claims 5, 25, and 31, Christie discloses the method and system, further comprising determining if the second telephony device is supported by the first service node and routing the call signaling for the voice call to the first call server when the second telephony device is not supported by the first service node (See col. 10-11 lines 64-7).

7. In regards to claims 6, 24, 26, and 32, Christie discloses the method and system, further comprising when the second telephony device (See Fig. 7 and terminal device 305) is supported by the first service node (See Fig. 7 and CO 366); determining if the second telephony device is associated with the second multimedia client (See Fig. 7 and User 2); routing the call signaling for the voice call to the first call server when the

second telephony device is associated with the second multimedia client; routing the call signaling for the voice call to a public switched telephone network (See Fig. 7 and PSTN 365) if the second telephony device is not associated with the second multimedia device (See col. 10 lines 56-60 and col. 11 lines 41-45).

8. In regard to claims 7, 17, 21, and 33, Christie discloses the method and system, further comprising accessing a local number portability server to determine if the second telephony device is associated with the second multimedia client (See col. 5 lines 40-61).

9. In regards to claims 8 and 23, Christie discloses the method, further comprising: receiving the first telephone number and the first address for the first multimedia client (See Fig. 7 and User 1) associated with the first telephony device (See Fig. 7 and terminal device 300) at a second call server (See Fig. 7 and gatekeeper 360) supporting the second telephony device (See Fig. 7 and terminal device 305); sending the second telephone number, first address, and first telephone number from the second call server to a second service node (See Fig. 7 and CO 367), which will identify a second address for a second multimedia client (See Fig. 7 and User 2) associated with the second telephony device based on the second telephone number; and sending the first address from the second service node to the second multimedia client using the second address (See col. 11 lines 20-51).

10. In regards to claims 9, 11, and 19, Christie discloses the method, further comprising sending the second address from the second multimedia client to the first

multimedia client using the first address, such that either of the first or second multimedia clients can initiate a media session with the other (See col. 3 lines 40-65).

11. In regards to claims 10 and 22, Christie discloses the method, where the second telephone number is associated with a plurality of telephony devices, including the second telephony device, supported by a public branch exchange (PBX) (See Fig. 4, Fig. 5, and PBX 78), the second telephony device having an extension number, the method further comprising: receiving the first telephone number and the first address for the first multimedia client (See Fig. 4 and User 1) associated with the first telephony device (See Fig. 4, telephone 70 and computer 72) at a second call server associated with the PBX; connecting the voice call to an attendant, which will recover the extension number for the second telephony device (See Fig. 4 and terminal device 84); sending the extension number, first address, and first telephone number from the second call server to a second service node, which will identify a second address for a second multimedia client associated with the second telephony device based on the extension number; and sending the first address from the second service node to the second multimedia client using the second address (See col. 7 lines 18-42).

12. In regards to claims 12, 16, and 20, Christie discloses the method, further comprising establishing a voice connection between the first and second telephony devices (See col. 11 lines 49-51).

13. In regards to claim 13, Christie discloses the method, wherein the second call server (See Fig. 4 and CTI server 74) is integrated with the PBX (See Fig. 4 and PBX 78) (See Fig. 4).

14. In regards to claim 14, Christie discloses the method, wherein the second call server is separate from the PBX (See Fig. 2).

Conclusion

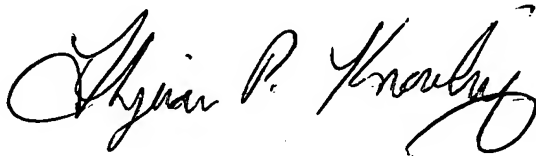
15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hinchey et al (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2002/0122547 A1) teach a method and apparatus for telephony route selection. Taylor et al (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2004/00062230 A1) teach integrating multimedia capabilities with legacy networks. Elliott et al (US 6,614,781) teach a voice over data telecommunications network architecture.

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P. Knowlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

17. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thjuan P. Knowlin', with a stylized, cursive script.

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